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## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.  
Instalments received on New Shares, 2,074,744.75  
87,074,744.75

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.  
INSTALMENT OF PREMIUM received on New Shares, 1,563,361.66  
\$4,063,361.66

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—A. P. McLEWIS, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

## Intimations.

1,450 Prizes, £50,000. 1,450 Prizes.  
THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.  
Members £1—each.  
To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.  
Distribution as follows:  
First Horse... £5,000. 10 Cash Prizes, £200 each. £2,000  
Second Horse... 4,000 " 10 " 3,000  
Third Horse... 2,000 " 20 " 1,000  
Other Starters 300 " 20 " 500  
Total... 1,500 " 20 " 4,000  
1 Cash Prize... 2,000 " 10 " 500  
2 Cash Prizes... 2,000 " 10 " 500  
6 Cash Prizes... 3,000 " 10 " 500  
Total... £250,000

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB.  
Beg to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a £50,000 CONSULTATION on the forthcoming MELBOURNE Cup of 1884, when about 1,450 Prizes will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Number. The Highest Prize being £8,000; and the Lowest £10. Less 10 per cent for expenses. Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either in Sydney (N. S. Wales), or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race. Result Slips are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1/4 for Royalties and Results. Dated or P. O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALLACE, Secretary, S. J. T. C., 203, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia.

HOP SHING & CO.,  
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,  
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON  
FOUNDERS, &c.  
WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Busi-  
ness, are ready to undertake Work  
of the above Descriptions under the Super-  
vision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.  
Orders executed with the utmost despatch  
and at moderate terms.  
24th September, 1883. 611

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages  
through to LONDON via Marseilles, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., £350.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., £355.

A. MCIVER,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 495

## Intimations.

WANTED An UNPENNED BEDROOM  
for a Single Man.  
Address A. B. C.,  
Office of the China Mail.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1884. 929

## SITUATION WANTED.

A YOUNG EUROPEAN, who can write  
a good hand and who can correspond  
in the English, French and GERMAN  
LANGUAGES, desires employment. Good  
References.

Apply to

'M. A.'  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, June 3, 1884. 930

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual  
GENERAL MEETING of the VICTORIA  
RECREATION CLUB will be held in the  
Premises of the Club on MONDAY NEXT,  
the 9th June, at 5 p.m.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.  
Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 918

## WA SUN,

PICTURE FRAME MAKER AND GILDER.  
ASSORTED LOOKING GLASSES  
FOR SALE.

VASE STAND MAKER, &c., &c.  
No. 19, WELLINGTON STREET,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 3, 1884. 927

## NOTICE.

SAYLE & CO. beg to inform their Cus-  
tomers and the Public in general that in  
consequence of the Death of the Senior  
PARTNER the BUSINESS carried on  
HONGKONG will be CLOSED on or before  
the 31st June or AFTERwards and the  
whole of the STOCK is now offered at a  
REDUCTION of 25 % on the Marked  
Price. Special terms will be made for  
purchases of Goods over \$100 in value pur-  
chased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash  
only. Customers are requested to make  
immediate Payment of Amounts due by  
them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & CO.,  
Victoria Exchange, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 899

WILLIAM DOLAN,  
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, Praya Central.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,  
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN  
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,  
CORK JACKETS,  
&c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will  
be conducted by the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their  
premises in Hongkong. Business hours  
on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10  
to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation will  
form a direct security for the repay-  
ment of sums deposited in the above  
Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250  
at one time will not be received. No  
depositor may deposit more than \$1,500  
in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations,  
of trusts, &c., in addition to the deposi-  
tor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less  
than a dollar may do so by affixing  
certain cent signs to a form to be  
obtained from the Bank at the Post  
Office. When the form is presented with  
ten cents stamps the depositor will  
be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having  
\$100 or more at their credit may at  
their option transfer the same to the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months  
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the  
Bank by means of clean Hongkong  
Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per  
annum will be allowed to depositors on  
their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis  
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-  
sented with each payment or withdrawal.  
Depositors must not make  
any entries themselves in their Pass-  
Books but should send them to be  
written up at least twice a year, about  
the beginning of January and begin-  
ning of July.

10.—Copy containing Pass-Books, Re-  
gistered Letters containing Stamps or  
other Remittances, and generally, cor-  
respondence as to the business of the  
Bank will, if marked On Hongkong  
Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded  
free of Postage or Registration Fees  
by the various British Post Offices in  
Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,  
but the personal attendance of the  
depositor or his duly appointed agent,  
and the production of his Pass-Book  
are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the  
business of the Savings' Bank are  
exempt from stamp duty.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-  
NESS will be commenced on the  
1st MAY, 1884.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### (OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.)

### A NEW SUPPLY JUST TO HAND OF

### SPRING HOSIERY.

UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in SILK, THREAD, COTTON  
and COTTON GAUZE.

New THREAD and COTTON HALF-HOSE.

New WASHING SCARFS and TIES.

The New 'Climax' UMBRELLA, guaranteed to wear well.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SCOTCH WHISKY, a Very  
Fine Old Spirit, in square bottles.

Hongkong, April 19, 1884. 679

## SAYLE & Co.

### HAVE FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS,

### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

KENSINGTON CARPETS, all Wool, SEAMLESS, BORDERED and FRinged, in  
NEW DESIGNS and COLORINGS. These CARPETS are INEXPENSIVE  
and DURABLE and are suitable for Summer use.

GOBELIN TAPESTRY and CREPE CRETTONNES in New Designs.

REVERSIBLE CRETTONNES, Pattern both Sides.

EXCELSIOR SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes, to fit any  
BEDSTEAD.

PATENT WOVEN WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes.

HAMMOCK CHAIRS,

LAWN TENNIS CHAIRS,

GROUET CHAIRS,

CAMP STOOLS,

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Hongkong, May 7, 1884. 780

## Intimations.

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP,  
NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
AGENTS for THE IMPERIAL GOV-  
ERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT  
SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to  
supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEANING,  
PAINTING, &c., of VESSELS. THE ENGINE  
WORKS in connection with the Dockyard are  
under the direction of experienced EN-  
GINEERS and possess all the necessary ap-  
piances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & CO.,  
Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

## Intimations.

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,  
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned beg to notify the  
Public of Hongkong and the Coast  
Ports that he will RE-OPEN.

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS  
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been  
NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and there are  
ROOMS suitable for other MARITIME  
COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

THE TABLES will be supplied with the  
BEST cutlery and crockery, and the  
WINE, LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the  
VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENRENSERS desirous of taking MEALS,  
such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, can have  
ALL REQUISITE information by  
applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to  
the rear of his former place of Busi-  
ness. Entrance from Messrs. TURNER &  
CO.'s Lane.

WILLIAM DOLAN.

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## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

ALABAMA  
RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS, in 5 lb  
tins, loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.  
Apple BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODELLI, Bonbons.  
Crown HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Fruit BEER in 25 lb cans.  
Peach Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Butting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
GUM SYRUP.  
LОСTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Assorted JELLIES.  
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.  
400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
900 lb. "  
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.  
TALLOW and TAR.  
VARNISHES.

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.  
TEYSERSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Pudding RAISINS.  
Lante CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SAVORY PATES.

FRANC PLUMS.  
BRAUN.  
INFANTS' FOOD.  
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.  
12½ GRAVES,  
BREAKFAST CHARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SAUCON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SAUCON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
BISQUIT DUBONNET & Co.'S BRANDY.  
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KINLAW'S LIQUOR WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEFER WHISKY.  
BOARD'S OLD TON.  
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
NOLLY FRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

CHABBE'S GINGER BRANDY.  
EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTHOUSE.  
MARSHALLO.  
CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA BAKER'S and ORANGE  
BITTERS.  
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DEAFTALE ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPICALLY SELECTED  
C I G A R S.

Five New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MINER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenorchy*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Goods—on the exception of Opium—are  
being landed at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from  
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-  
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-  
less notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon To-morrow, the 2nd June.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
6th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 910

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenorchy*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be sent on unless  
notice to give To-day.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

THOS. HOWARD & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 915

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP VICTORIA, FROM  
ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of the above Vessel are requested  
to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
the 9th June or before.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be sent on unless  
notice to give To-day.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 915

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Lioness*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods from  
the 11th June or before.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
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Optional Cargo will be sent on unless  
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
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THE Steamship *Lioness*, Captain KEN-  
NAR, having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the  
Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods  
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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

YESTERDAY's telegrams state that: 'the siege of Barber has been raised, the Governor having defeated the rebels.' This was the place the telegrams received here gave us to understand had been handed over to the rebels, the garrison having fraternized with them. It appears from later advices that there was a report current in London that the rebels were in possession of the town, but it proved to be groundless. Barber is almost the nearest point on the Nilo from Suakin, and if a British force marches from that port to relieve General Gordon at Khartoum, no doubt it will go in the first instance to Barber.

THE Manila *Comercio* publishes the prospectus issued by the *Varadero* to Manila, a new company formed to construct a dock or docks, at Manila. The company is to have a capital of \$300,000 in 3,000 shares of \$100 each, to be paid up in six months. It is announced in the prospectus that the offer of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company to construct a dock at Cavite, and supply machinery, etc., for \$165,000, has been definitely accepted. 2,000 shares have already been taken up; 350 of this number have been taken by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The Governor-General has given his assent to the scheme, but it has not yet received Imperial sanction.

The *Comercio* expresses a hope that this scheme of constructing a dock at Manila will at last be realized, and that the ship owners of Manila will be partially, if not wholly, freed from having to pay large sums annually in Hongkong for the cleaning and repairing of their vessels.

A *propos* of our article last night on cremation, it may be noted that about half a million persons die annually in England and Wales, and that in London alone death certifies of each year about 800,000. These bodies should be got rid of in some way without danger or offence to the living. The sanitary authorities of the City of London have gone so far in the way of cremation as to appoint a committee to consider the advisability of erecting a crematorium at Ilford. There is one already in existence at Woking near London, but the managers were somewhat fearful of using it prior to the decision of Mr Justice Stephens showing that there was nothing in the law to prevent cremation. In Italy, Germany, Switzerland and the United States cremation has been permitted, and a number of crematoria are in operation in the first-named country. At Milan up to the end of 1881, no less than 350 cremations had taken place at a cost of £2 each. In France and Belgium the movement is also receiving promising development. It seems to us that while the law need not insist upon cremation in view of the present state of feeling, yet it ought not to stand in the way of the reform.

About six o'clock this morning a fire was found to have broken out on board the P. and O. S. N. Company's steamer *Yarrow*, which was to have left this afternoon for Europe, with the mails, etc. It was soon found that the seat of the fire was in an alcove, or reserve bunker, situated nearly amidships between the engines and the side of the vessel and under the main-deck. This compartment communicates by means of a doorway at each end with the main and after-holds, and when the alarm of fire was first given smoke was issuing from both the main and after-hatches. Information was despatched soon after the outbreak of the fire was discovered to the Central Fire Engine Station, and Mr. Wassouin, assistant engineer, at once went off to the vessel with a couple of extinguishers and several chemical charges for extinction of fire, and rendered valuable assistance to the Captain and officers of the ship, who worked indefatigably to get the seat of the fire. It was found necessary to cut three holes through the main-deck, which is at that part occupied by cabins, to get at the seat of the fire. Immediately one small hole had been cut through the three-inch planking and iron plating of the deck the flame burst through, but the nozzle of one of the extinguishers being applied and a few charges played on the fire the violence began to abate. After openings of sufficient size had been made, the ship's hoses and one from the harbour fire engine, which had arrived alongside, were got into operation, and a plentiful stream of water poured into the burning compartment. Meanwhile a passage to the seat of the fire had been cleared by removing a quantity of cargo from the hold, and when an entrance was effected into the compartment the fire was nearly extinguished. Though constructed to be used, if required, as a spare bunker, no coal was at this time stored there, the space being occupied by cases of cargo, principally consisting of Japanese curios. The fire was completely extinguished by 1 o'clock, and the Captain and officers of the vessel, as well as our departmental engineer, deserve great credit for the hearty manner in which they threw themselves into their work and succeeded in limiting the extent of the damage done. No doubt, a considerable amount of cargo will be damaged by water, but not so much as would have been the case had it not been that most of the water ran through into the coal-bunkers beneath.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY moved and it was resolved that the minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

#### THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. All the members were present excepting Captain Thos. T. Russell.

#### THE POSTAL CONTRIBUTION.

The Acting Clerk of Council read the following minute of H. E. the Governor:

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S. S. "U.S.", Commandant RAPATIER,  
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